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INDIA.

Facts and Figures of its Salvation War.

... shines out o'er hill and plain,
... and in her desert thirst
... her voice and cries for drink.
... death India's burning sun,
... the bread of life
... but all unsated,
... her blood has purchased all their
... from the darkening Calvary height
... I thirst! 'I
... will water-bearer be
... to these, that they
... may never thirst again.
... What a crowd of thought does

One whose death has purchased life and immortality for them.
Much, very much has been done to bring these people in subjection to an earthly crown—Blood has been shed, hearts have been broken, treasure has been poured out like water, and generous noble intellects have worn out and pained with thinking over much, and gallant hearts have bit the dust to plant amidst and keep floating o'er them an Empire's flag. The "thin red line" of Britain's glory has marched and counter-marched across those arid plains, with fire and sword and all their train of sin, impurity, disease and death. The vaunted civilization of the western and "Christian" world has been forced upon them, and men have come amongst them bearing in one hand the volume of the "Oracles of God," and

thing of the results, but the probing has hardly penetrated the surface, and though individual holy, self-sacrificing missionaries have spent their strength and laid down their lives for perishing souls, the arrogance of some, the love of ease of others, and the inconsistency of more has overwhelmed the good result, and almost a century has passed and a mere drop from the ocean of heathenism has been gathered for the cisterns of the Lord.
But another "thin red line" is gradually sweeping across the land, and another standard has been uplifted and the weapons of love and adaptation and self-sacrifice have been brought to bear upon the dark legions of ignorance and superstition, and bare-headed and bare-footed the Hallelujahs and lasses have marched forth carrying the flag of Blood and Fire and Purity.

this fight against sin, heathenism and unbelief; but we feel sure that there are many more still in our ranks whom God is calling, and who will be willing to go to His assistance in this matter. Therefore, in order to impress more deeply the need for help and in anticipation of a call that will probably be very shortly made for volunteers, we purpose to lay before our readers, a few particulars of the Indian Field and work.

Within the last year this Indian question has been brought almost to our own doors, and science and the national energy and enterprise have shortened by many thousand miles the distance that divides us from our comrades and fellow-subjects on the plains of Hindostan, and these fair countries that we once regarded as the glories of the far, far east have been brought so immediately

near that they almost touch our Western shores. The national track that traverses our great North-west leads fair to become the Highway of the Empire, and soon the great chains of intercourse that bind India to the Mother Land will be laid through the heart of Canada's fair fields and smiling pastures. This to us Salvationists means a quicker and a surer means of carrying the Message of Truth to the heathen over there, and this hushing so our obligations for their evangelization increases, and thro' and from our shores the mighty host of Blood - and - Fire people must advance that shall bring eventually all India's millions subject to our Conquering King.

In approaching this question of India's Salvation War, we are naturally led in the first place to look at the present state of the field and the ad-

THE POPULATION.

The entire population of the British Empire amounts to 820,070,000 and of this all but 60 millions are to be found in India. That is to say, four-fifths of our fellow-subjects live in India! On the other hand the entire British Territory consists of more than nine million square miles, of which India is only one-sixth. For instance, Canada, with an area of more than 3 1/2 millions, has a population of only five millions! Consequently in the Indian Empire we have a population more than fifty times greater than our own, crowded into a territory scarcely half as large as the Dominion.



AN INDIAN BARRACKS.

... Dot etay! two million living, never-dying souls, ... of these cost nothing short the life-blood of Calvary's Christ, ... in very truth was nothing less the Christ of God. His they are, ... Him by a proprietorship—none money.
HE HATH THEM ALL!
... He that owns them loves His ... His only Begotten that they ... that through Him ... have everliving life. And ... six millions and a half every ... little minute of the ... no knowledge as to Whose ... and, owing no subjection to the

in the other the bottle that carries the exhalations of the distillerie of Hell, and the gentle, temperate, and docile natures of the eastern clime have been degraded and debauched, and now it has come to pass that honest thinking men in Christian lands are debating the question if it were not better to let well alone, and leave these millions to the Veds and Buddhas, which at any rate inculcated temperance and chastity upon them.
But what has been done to bring this people into subjection to the Spirit of Him whose they are—little enough. For sixty years or more East Indian missions have been in existence, and before that military chaplains, we suppose, had gathered a following, at least in name, and in the course of this paper we shall show some-

and in six short years have gathered the first fruits of the coming mighty harvest for God. The need of this people having touched the soul of "the gentle Tinker" he has gathered around him a band of heroes, men and women, and already they have won names for themselves and trophies for God as great, as grand, as glorious, and far more Christian than those associated with the Olives, the Outrams, the Havelocks or the Clydes of India's historic fields.
The exploits of these noble pioneers of India's Salvation war, are familiar to most readers of the Canadian War Cry, and inflamed with the spirit of their zeal, Canadian volunteers have already gone to their help, and for a year and a half have acquitted themselves nobly and well in

vances already made, and the foremost question that presents itself is the extent of

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it was bad—
robbed,

Oh! that each convert would continue and continue to testify in the Spirit's power, rather than to try and make their own capacity the working room of His faith to fill them with the unpresumptuous and the ever abiding glory. His presence.

This is your duty and privilege.

Would you gain complete victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil? Testify, and always testify in uniform, in private and public.

